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Quicker responses so you don't lose your mind!

Email and online communications between FGHA (Fairwood Greens Homeowners' Association) and homeowners is continuing to increase, providing more timely responses as well as reducing our need for USPS postage and handling. To ensure emails from FGHA are received by you the homeowners, it is important to make sure that all FGHA email addresses and domains are in your email provider's "safe email" list, this will prevent important communications from ending up in a spam or junk folder. The FGHA sends out periodic informational emails, volunteer opportunities, and friendly reminders to all homeowners via email. To ensure you never miss an electronic correspondence, please add the below email addresses and domain to your "safe email" list:

1. contact@fairwoodgreens.org
2. fairwood_hoa@fairwoodgreens.org
3. comms.hoalife.com

In addition to adding the above "safe emails," please send your contact information to contact@fairwoodgreens.org to be added to our email distribution list and ensure you don't skip a beat!

Please also consider signing up for Authorization for Electronic Communications by reaching out to contact@fairwoodgreens.org.

Happy New Year to the amazing Fairwood Greens Community, and a big THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped us throughout 2023! We look forward to a great 2024, including some new additions to our parks, and hope to continue to better the experience of all our Homeowners that call Fairwood Greens home.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

If you have, or are considering the purchase of, an electric vehicle and charging station to be installed on the exterior of your home you must follow the recently adopted Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rule and Regulation (R&R). This includes submitting an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) request form for review and approval, **which you can now do online!** Simply go to portal.hoalife.com, enter your home address, respond to the security verification and you're in. From here select Architectural Requests, then select +New Request. Follow all of the instructions and be sure to include supporting drawings and documentation. Responses to your request will come from comms.hoalife.com, so ensure that is added to your "safe email" list.

As a reminder, all exterior projects on your house or property may require an ACC request from to be submitted for review and approval. Please review the R&Rs and ACC Guidelines on our website for further information.

Update your contact info today! Simply scan this QR code. Help our security team keep you informed for vacation checks, if your garage is open and for other security issues.

2023: A Year in Review, Some of Our Wins and Milestones

- Washington State Senator Bob Hasegawa and State Representatives Steve Berquist, and David Hackney spoke and answered questions at our Homeowners' Annual Meeting in September.
- Our association continued work with King County Roads to have solar powered speed enforcement lights installed in Fairwood Greens. These will be installed in January of 2024. This will remedy the current faulty signs.
- With the help of King County Sheriff's Office and FGHA Security, dozens of abandoned and nuisance vehicles were removed from the community.
- We saved \$3,000 with volunteers who put up and take down holiday lights at the monument.
- We were able to streamline the audit process resulting in more timely audits and improved transparency, visibility, and accuracy of our financial performance.
- We developed and deployed sustainable processes to fairly apply and enforce FGHA vehicle regulations by integrating HOALife (software built specifically for HOA management) into vehicle compliance practices and policies.

2024 FGHA Dues and Assessments

In September 2023, homeowners ratified the 2023-2024 FGHA operating budget and parks special assessment. The 2024 operating budget dues for each of our 1,500 FGHA homeowners is \$406.50, and the parks special assessment is \$355.00. The special assessment is for the replacement of play equipment at Toddler Park and Allen Park. Installation of the new equipment in Toddler Park is scheduled for April 2024, and Allen Park in Fall of 2024.

Starting January 1, 2024, homeowners can pay for the combined dues and assessment in one full payment of \$761.50 or in two separate payments of \$380.75 in January 2024 and again in July 2024. Payments can be made by check to the association PO Box, individual bank transfer methods, or by credit card on the FGHA website (includes a small transaction fee).

